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TABLE 1—ONE INSPECTOR—STAFFING
STANDARDS FOR SWINE—Continued

Distance walked ¹ in feet is—	Maximum inspection rates (head per hour)			
	Market hogs (heads attached or detached)		Sows and boars (heads detached)	
	Without mirror	With mirror	Without mirror	With mirror
81 to 85	84	87	80	85
86 to 90	82	85	79	83
91 to 95	80	83	77	81
96 to 100	78	81	75	79

¹ Distance walked is the total distance that the inspector will have to walk between work stations during one inspection cycle (e.g., between viscera, carcass, head, and wash-basin).

TABLE 2—TWO INSPECTORS—STAFFING
STANDARDS FOR MARKET HOGS

Distance walked ¹ in feet by inspector B is—	Maximum inspection rates (head per hour with heads attached or detached)			
	Line configuration			
	Carcass, ² head viscera ³	Viscera, ² head carcass ³	Head, ² viscera carcass ³	

Without Mirror

0 to 5	151–253	151–271	151–296
6 to 10	151–239	151–255	151–277
11 to 15	151–226	151–240	151–260
16 to 20	151–214	151–227	151–244
21 to 25	151–204	151–215	151–231

With Mirror

0 to 5	151–253	151–303	151–318
6 to 10	151–239	151–283	151–304
11 to 15	151–226	151–265	151–289
16 to 20	151–214	151–249	151–270
21 to 25	151–204	151–235	151–254

¹ Distance walked is the total distance that Inspector B will have to walk between work stations during one inspection cycle (e.g., between viscera, carcass, and washbasin).

² Inspector A.

³ Inspector B.

NOTE: In multiple-inspector plants, the inspectors must rotate between all inspection positions *during each shift* to equalize the workload.

TABLE 3—TWO INSPECTORS—STAFFING
STANDARDS FOR SOWS AND BOARS

Distance walked ¹ in feet by inspector B is—	Maximum inspection rates (head per hour)			
	Line Configuration			
	Car-cass, ² head viscera, ³ heads detached	Viscera, ² head carcass, ³ heads detached	Head, ² viscera carcass, ³ heads detached	Head, ² viscera carcass, ³ heads attached

Without Mirror

0 to 5	144–248	144–254	144–267	144–267
6 to 10	144–235	144–240	144–253	144–253

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TABLE 3—TWO INSPECTORS—STAFFING
STANDARDS FOR SOWS AND BOARS—Continued

Distance walked ¹ in feet by inspector B is—	Maximum inspection rates (head per hour)			
	Line Configuration			
	Car-cass, ² head viscera, ³ heads detached	Viscera, ² head carcass, ³ heads detached	Head, ² viscera carcass, ³ heads detached	Head, ² viscera carcass, ³ heads attached
11 to 15	144–222	144–227	144–239	144–239
16 to 20	144–211	144–215	144–226	144–226
21 to 25	144–201	144–205	144–214	144–214

With Mirror

0 to 5	144–248	144–292	144–305	144–292
6 to 10	144–235	144–273	144–291	144–280
11 to 15	144–222	144–256	144–272	144–268
16 to 20	144–211	144–241	144–255	144–255
21 to 25	144–201	144–228	144–240	144–240

¹ Distance walked is the total distance that Inspector B will have to walk between work stations during one inspection cycle (e.g., between viscera, carcass, and washbasin).

² Inspector A.

³ Inspector B.

NOTE: In multiple-inspector plants, the inspectors must rotate between all inspection positions *during each shift* to equalize the workload.

TABLE 4—THREE INSPECTORS OR MORE—
STAFFING STANDARDS FOR SWINE

Maximum inspection rates (head per hour with heads attached)	Number of inspectors by station			
	Head	Viscera	Carcass	Total
Market hogs:				
319 to 506	1	1	1	3
507 to 540	1	2	1	4
541 to 859	2	2	1	5
860 to 1,022	2	3	1	6
1,023 to 1,106	3	3	1	7
Sows and boars:				
306 to 439	1	1	1	3
306 to 462 ¹	1	1	1	3
440 to 475	2	1	1	4
476 to 752	2	2	1	5
753 to 895	3	2	1	6
896 to 964	3	3	1	7

¹ This rate applies if the heads of sows and boars are *detached* from the carcasses at the time of inspection.

NOTE: In multiple-inspector plants, the inspectors must rotate between all inspection positions *during each shift* to equalize the workload.

[35 FR 15567, Oct. 3, 1970, as amended at 47 FR 33676, Aug. 4, 1982; 50 FR 19903, May 13, 1985]

§ 310.2 Identification of carcass with certain severed parts thereof and with animal from which derived.

(a) The head, tail, tongue, thymus gland, and all viscera of each slaughtered animal, and all blood and other parts of such animal to be used in the preparation of meat food products or

medical products, shall be handled in such a manner as to identify them with the rest of the carcass and as being derived from the particular animal involved, until the post-mortem examination of the carcass and parts thereof has been completed. Such handling shall include the retention of ear tags, backtags, implants, and other identifying devices affixed to the animal, in such a way to relate them to the carcass until the post-mortem examination has been completed.

(b) The official State-Federal Department backtag on any carcass shall:

(1)(i) Be removed from the hide of the animal by an establishment employee and placed in a clear plastic bag. The bag containing the tag shall be affixed to the corresponding carcass.

(ii) The bag containing the tag shall be removed from the carcass by an establishment employee and presented with the viscera to the Program inspector at the point where such inspector conducts the viscera inspection.

(2)(i) Brucellosis and tuberculosis ear tags, herd identification ear tags, sales tags, ear bangles, and similar identification devices shall be removed from the animal's hide or ear by an establishment employee and shall be placed in a clear plastic bag and affixed to the corresponding carcass.

(ii) The bag containing the tag shall be removed from the carcass by an establishment employee and presented with the viscera to the Program inspector at the point where such inspector conducts the viscera inspection.

(3) In cases where both types of devices described in paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section are present on the same animal, both types may be placed in the same plastic bag or in two separate bags.

(4) The circuit supervisor may allow the use of any alternate method proposed by the operator of an official establishment for handling the type of devices described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section if such alternate method would provide a ready means of identifying a specific carcass with the corresponding devices by a Program inspector during the post-mortem inspection.

(5) Disposition and use of identifying devices.

(i) The official State-Federal Department backtags will be collected by a Program inspector and used to obtain traceback information necessary for proper disposition of the animal or carcass and otherwise handled according to instructions issued to the inspectors.

(ii) The devices described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section shall be collected by the Program inspector when required to obtain traceback information necessary for proper disposition of the animal or carcass and for controlling the slaughter of reactor animals. Devices not collected for these purposes shall be discarded after the post-mortem examination is complete.

(6) Plastic bags used by the establishment for collecting identifying devices will be furnished by the Department.

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§ 310.3 Carcasses and parts in certain instances to be retained.

Each carcass, including all detached organs and other parts, in which any lesion or other condition is found that might render the meat or any part unfit for food purposes, or otherwise adulterated, and which for that reason would require a subsequent inspection, shall be retained by the Program employee at the time of inspection. The identity of every such retained carcass, detached organ, or other part shall be maintained until the final inspection has been completed. Retained carcasses shall not be washed or trimmed unless authorized by the Program employee.

§ 310.4 Identification of carcasses and parts; tagging.

Such devices and methods as may be approved by the Administrator may be used for the temporary identification of retained carcasses, organs, and other parts. In all cases, the identification shall be further established by affixing "U.S. Retained" tags as soon as practicable and before final inspection. These tags shall not be removed except by a Program employee.